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SUBJECT: US WEATHER MODIFICATION DELEGATION VISIT TO USSR

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1. REQUEST PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO DR. YURI SEDUNOV,
DEPUTY CHIEF, MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE
OF THE USSR.

2. DR. WHITE, ADMINISTRATOR OF NOAA, IN LETTER DATED APRIL 21 TO
DR. SEDUNOV, ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE HYDROMET SERVICE FOR A
DELEGATION OF FIVE U.S. SCIENTISTS TO VISIT WEATHER MODIFICATION
SCIENTISTS AND FACILITIES IN THE USSR FROM 23 MAY(NOT 23 JUNE AS
IN REFTEL) TO 13 JUNE 1976. DR. WHITE STATED IN THE LETTER THAT THE
ITINERARY PROPOSED BY DR. SEDUNOV WAS IN GENERAL ACCEPTABLE, AND
THAT NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL TIME AND NAMES OF DELEGATION MEMBERS
WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AS SOON AS PLANS ARE FIRM.

3. DR. WHITE ASKS AT THIS TIME THAT DR. SEDUNOV GIVE FURTHER CON-
SIDERATION TO SLIGHT ALTERATION OF ITINERARY TO ALLOW FOR VISIT
TO THE HIGH MOUNTAIN GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE IN NALCHIK. THIS
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COULD BE DONE AT THE EXPENSE OF SIGHTSEEING TIME IN TBILISI OR

INSTEAD OF THE SCHEDULED TRIP TO KISHINEV IN MOLDAVIA. DR. WHITE REQUESTS THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A CHANGE IN ITINERARY BE DISCUSSED WITH THE US DELEGATION ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE VISIT.

4. DR. WHITE ALSO ASKS THAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE PASSED TO DR. SEDUNOV AS PROMISED IN HIS RECENT LETTER. MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WILL BE: DR. RONALD L. LAVOIE, DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION OFFICE, NOAA, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, HEAD OF DELEGATION; MR. MERLIN C. WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, WEATHER MODIFICATION PROGRAM OFFICE, NOAA, BOULDER, COLORADO; DR. NOEL E. LASEUR, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HURRICANE AND EXPERIMENTAL METEOROLOGY LABORATORY, NOAA, MIAMI, FLORIDA; MR. FEODOR OSTAPOFF, DIRECTOR, SEA AIR INTERACTION LABORATORY, NOAA, MIAMI, FLORIDA; PROF. LOUIS BATTAN, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS, UNIV. OF ARIZONA, TUCSON, ARIZONA. DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW AT 12:05 P.M. ON 23 MAY VIA PA FLIGHT 44. SISCO

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